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I extend my sincere appreciation for the huge amount of support within the detachment. I encourage all to stay involved as we enter into the New Year 2005. Now is the time to set new goals and strive towards accomplishing those set goals. September 11th forever changed our lives. Although time has passed, don't become complacent in your daily routines. Continue to be aware of your surroundings and be sure to report or ask questions about strange activities that do not appear to be normal. Lastly, Stacie and I would like to wish every member of our family a Happy, Safe and Prosperous New Year. God Bless Okinawa and all those who support her.

### AOIC Master Chief Smith



As we begin a New Year, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I hope all had fun as the New Year rang in. My time at NAVCOMM Det is quickly coming to an end. As most of you know, I will be retiring from the Navy this coming year and moving to Las Vegas. I'll be turning over the Assistant Officer in Charge position to Master Chief Maldonado by the end of the year. It's been a pleasure working with everyone and your families during my 3 years at the command. I ask that you give the new AOIC the help and support you've all given me. He comes here with over 25 years of experience, so you're in good hands. I'll still be here for a few more months, but I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye, and thank you for all you've done for me, and my family.



## Perspective AOIC Master Chief Maldonado



First and foremost, I would like to wish the NAVCOMM Det family a Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a joyous holiday season with their families and loved ones. I ask that you keep our fellow Soldiers, Marines and Sailors who are deployed in your prayers.

It's an honor and a privilege to be serving with you all here at NAVCOMM Det. I'm looking forward to this New Year in working with each and everyone of you. Effective January 2005, I will relieve Master Chief Smith as NAVCOMM Det's Assistant Officer in Charge. On behalf of the NAVCOMM Det family, I take this opportunity to extend a heart felt fair winds and following seas to Master Chief Smith and his family. We wish you the best in Las Vegas, in your new endeavors. You will surely be missed by all your shipmates. Lastly, let's have a productive and safe year at NAVCOMM Det. May God bless you, your family and loved one's during this New Year!

## Ombudsman's Corner

On behalf of the OIC, NAVCOMM Det takes pleasure in introducing our new command Ombudsman.

Alisha Carlin, wife of ET3 Webster Carlin, has graciously volunteered for the position. We look forward to working with Alisha as we are confident she will serve NAVCOMM Det well. WELCOME!

## Women's Group

Greetings Ladies of NAVCOMM Det. I welcome all newly arrived families to the island. You are indeed in for a treat for the duration of your tour. Okinawa is a great place for young families with young children. As my own children often say, they are living in a Mecca for youths. Whether your child prefers sports, art & crafts, music or dance, a variety of activities are readily affordable and available. I encourage all to get your youths engaged in the wonderful opportunities that Okinawa provides.

I look forward to meeting and greeting you all at our next gathering. See you soon. /Stacie Roberson/

## Hails and Farewells

### Welcome Aboard:

- ITC Antonio Gordon
- ET2 Shane Barton
- ET2 Philip Kendall
- ITSA Hovendick

### Fare Winds and Following Seas:

- IT1 Anthony Jones
- ET2 Michael Till
- ET2 Hendricks

## Command Events

On December 9, 2004, we had our annual command Holiday Party. It was held at Camp Shields Crows Nest. We shared a wonder meal, festive activities, relaxing socialization and an honored visit from our CMDCM Bernhard. All had a fabulous time. Special thanks to CAB Committee members and all those who supported the event. BZ

Jan/Feb 05 - Hail & Farewell  
Place and Time TBD

## Important Phone Numbers

- **Emergencies.** Ambulance, Fire & Police call 911.
- **Emergencies for off-base residences.** Ambulance, Fire and Police call 934-5911.

## Recognition

### *Senior Sailor of the Year 2004*

- *YN1 Varnell*

### *Junior Sailor of the Year 2004:*

- *ET3 St. Lawrence*

### *Congratulations:*

- *IT1 & Maya Lewis on the birth of their baby boy*

## Key Dates

- ❖ 17 Jan – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- ❖ 14 Feb – Valentine's Day
- ❖ 21 Feb – President's Day
- ❖ 17 Mar – St. Patrick's Day
- ❖ 27 Mar – Easter Sunday

## Closing

This newsletter is designed to keep all informed of NAVCOMM Det's unofficial business and activities. Remember to remain vigilant and pray for Global Peace.